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Judge Paul A. Engelmayer
United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
Thurgood Marshall Courthouse
40 Foley Square, Room 2201
New York, NY 10007

Re: *Doe v. Lima et al.* (14-cv-2953)

Dear Judge Engelmayer:

The parties write jointly to advise the Court that despite their good-faith efforts, they have been unable to reach a negotiated resolution of the litigation. Although the Court's rules at this stage provide for the setting of a trial date and submission of a proposed joint pretrial order together with motions *in limine*, proposed *voir dire* questions, and any pretrial memoranda, the parties believe that Your Honor's ruling with regard to certain motions *in limine* will renew interest of the parties in working toward settlement. Thus, prior to the parties' undertaking the other significant expenses attendant to trial preparation, including drafting the joint pretrial order, *voir dire* questions, and any pretrial memoranda, we respectfully request that the Court set a briefing schedule for motions *in limine*, after which the parties will request time to re-engage with settlement discussions. If no negotiated resolution is reached, the Court would then set a trial date and deadline for submission of all other pretrial filings. If proceeding in this manner is acceptable to the Court, we propose that the parties submit any motions *in limine* by November 25, 2019, with oppositions due on December 9, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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